

Vocational Nurse (VN) Program Prerequisites/Requirements

All students are advised to meet with a Counselor regarding Certificate and/or Degree requirements

Program Prerequisites	Course #	Units	Complete PRIOR to Program Prerequisites
*Human Anatomy *Physiology <i>*Five-year recency. Human Anatomy and Physiology must be within last five years.</i>	*BIOL 260 *BIOL 261	4 w/lab 4 w/lab	Required before BIOL 260: BIOL 100 & 101 or equivalent. Required before BIOL 261: CHEM 100 or 102 or 170 or equivalent; BIOL 260 or equivalent.
*Fundamentals of Nutrition <i>*Five-year recency. Fundamentals of Nutrition must be within last five years.</i>	*HLTH 204	3	None
Elementary Statistics (or) **Statistics for Behavioral Sciences (or) **Statistics for Behavioral Sciences <i>MATH 119 or PSYC 270 or SOC 270 are required if starting the program Fall of 2025 and future classes.</i>	**MATH 119 (or) **PSYC 270 (or) **SOC 270 (or) Equivalent	4 3 3	Required before MATH 119: Intermediate algebra proficiency, as determined through the Southwestern College Multiple Measures Process. Required before PSYC 270 or SOC 270: MATH 115 or Intermediate algebra proficiency, as determined through the Southwestern College Multiple Measures Process.
College Composition	ENGL 115 (or) Equivalent	4	Placement through the Southwestern College multiple measures placement process.
Certified Nursing Assistant	CNA Certification	8.5	Active certification or license (from CA): Corpsman, Medical Assistant, EMT, Patient Care Technician, ER Technician, Home Health Aide; Psychiatric Tech, Dialysis Tech or Paramedic (active, unexpired).

G.P.A. for prerequisites and TEAS test score will be considered for program admission

◆ **TEAS test: A composite score of 58% is the minimum passing score accepted for admission to the VN Program.**

Applicants who do not meet the minimum passing score may re-take the TEAS test only once.

Test score must be within the last three years (Sept. 2022 – Sept. 2025) (*Effective 6/2021).

Visit [TEAS Testing](http://www.swccd.edu/nursing) page on the (www.swccd.edu/nursing) for TEAS policy, updates and Remediation Plan.

◆ 30 students accepted every 18 months

◆ 39.5 units

◆ Estimate total cost: \$7300 (subject to change)

Application period for Spring 2026: Monday, August 4, 2025, through Friday, September 19, 2025

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